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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER ANNOUNCES ROGERS VISIT

LIMA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. CARACAS DAILIES ON MARCH 12 GAVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO ANNOUNCEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS WILL MAKE A ONE-DAY VISIT TO CARACAS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 15. ESCOVAR SAID THAT HE HAS INVITED SECRETARY ROGERS TO LUNCH. (IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM, ESCOVAR DISCARDED THE IDEA OF A LUNCHEON BECAUSE OF ROGERS' ARRIVAL TIME AND IS CONSIDERING A BREAKFAST SUNDAY TO PRESENT SOME OF HIS STAFF.) ASKED BY THE PRESS IF PRESIDENT PEREZ WILL RECEIVE ROGERS, ESCOVAR REPLIED, "CERTAINLY, YES." (ON THE OTHER HAND,

A RADIO NEWS BROADCAST QUOTED THE FOREIGN MINISTER AS SAYING THAT A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WAS "PROBABLE." THIS COINCIDED MORE CLOSELY WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REMARKS TO THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM WHEN ESCOVAR SAID THAT HE HAD REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT FOR ROGERS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND WAS EXPECTING A RESPONSE.)

2. WHEN ASKED IF VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS WILL RAISE ANY ISSUES WITH
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ROGERS, ESCOVAR RESPONDED TO THE PRESS THAT "WE WILL FIRST LISTEN

AND ASK HIM ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF HIS LATIN AMERICAN TOUR. THEN
WE WILL MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN TO HIM REGARDING WHATEVER HE HAS
TO SAY. DOUBTLESS WE WILL TALK ABOUT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
FORTHCOMING VISIT." ESCOVAR ADDED THAT NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR
THE KISSINGER VISIT.
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